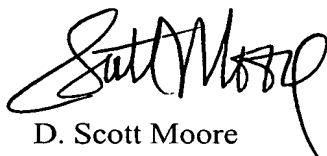


### REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-9 and 16-22 are allowed, and that Claims 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 12 to an independent form including the recitations of Claims 10 and 11 from which it previously depended. Claims 10, 11, and 15 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-9, 12-14, and 16-22 are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

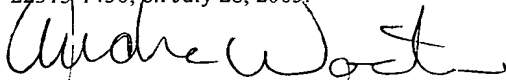


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